

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:	Chu et al.)	
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Filed:	April 20, 2004)	
)	Group Art Unit: 1621
Serial No.:	10/828,601)	
)	Examiner: Kumar, S.
Title:	Lidocaine Analogs and Methods)	
	of Making and Using Same)	
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Attorney Docket:	DCS-9173)	

AMENDMENT & RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request entry of this communication prior to examination of the above identified case on its merits.